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answered
11/24/62

PATRICK K. CHIWENDA,

Manfred Hodson Hall,
University College of
Rhodesia and Nyasaland,
P/B 167H. Salisbury.
Southern Rhodesia.
Central Africa.

1st October 1962.

Dear James,

Greetings and best wishes to you.

Naturally, I expect, you will be surprised to receive a letter from me, because I am writing you for the first time. I am an African of Rhodesia, right in Central Africa and a student at the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

I have written specially to extend my feelings of sympathy and friendship to you; and to congratulate you on your courageous effort and I wish to say, May God bless you now as you take up your studies.

I have been greatly touched to hear about you in the radio and the press over the past week. I am incidentally, an enthusiast in collecting press-cuttings of various subject matter, and I still have some concerning the Little Rock crisis of 1957, but this of yours has touched me down to the personal level that I decided to write you. Besides, I cannot exclude the fact that as an African, I do feel that we share a common insult from the white world regardless of our attainments wherever we may be.

see notation
on last page.

student

It is comforting however to hear that your Federal Government is determined to stamp out such human degradation.

I myself am studying in the so-called Multi Racial University College of Rhodesia but it is lamentable how the races are still living in two separate worlds of their own. A majority of the white boys here often feel too big for their boots. We take this as mere short-sightedness of course, for, in Central Africa it is inevitable that we take our place.

I consider it a great pity that you had to enter the State University at such a high cost as loss of lives; but it is my great hope however, that you will remain safe in the University without further ado about it.

Note What course of study are taking at the University? I am reading for a B. Sc. Economics degree (1st Year now).

I imagine you are flooded with letters at this time from your friends and relatives, and may be, my letter will be too boring to you! But, please, when you have a few moments of leisure to yourself, just remember that you have a friend although far away in the heart of Central Africa - a very insignificant friend I admit, but - Somewhat, rowing in the same canoe, same direction and destiny.

It is most unlikely that I will hear any more about you once the radio and the press turn their attention elsewhere. I should be grateful if you could at least write to say you have received my letter safely.

~~NOTE~~ Our College closes on November 17th and does not
begin again till Mid March next year. But I am
certain your letter could get me before 17th November.

Till then,

My best wishes to you and good luck.

Your friend,

Patrick.

P/S. I am just a young man of twenty seven. I observe
I am two years junior and I hope you don't mind the
way I addressed you in my letter! Cheers!